## **Upstate Forever**

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September 28, 2005



Mr. Vernon Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, NW Room 711 Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: STB Doc. # AB-490 (Sub-No. 1X)

<u>Greenville County, South Carolina</u>

Dear Mr. Williams:

By letter dated July 26, 2005, Upstate Forever submitted its request for public use condition and trail use/rail banking under 15 C.F.R. Sections 1152.28 and 1152.29 for the railroad described in the above-referenced docket. We amended the request by letter dated August 23, 2005.

Melanie Yasbin of your agency called us today and requested another amendment in order to fully comply with 49 C.F.R. Section 1152.29(a)(2) regarding the payment of taxes. Accordingly, Upstate Forever respectfully amends its request to express its willingness to assume full responsibility for the payment of all taxes assessed against the right-of-way.

We appreciate the STB's consideration of our original request, as amended by this letter and our letter dated August 23, 2005. Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely,

Brad Wyche

Executive Director

cc:

Mr. William Mullins

Ms. Melanie Yasbin (via telecopy)